

EXHIBIT I

SAMPLE SURVEY: CITY OF HELENA

CITY OF HELENA HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

1. How many people live at your current residence including you?

____ # of males
____ # of females

2. Does your household contain children under age 18 who are primarily supported by a Female Head of Household?

- ☐ no
☐ yes

3. What is the race/ethnicity of the Head of Household? Check one.

- ☐ White, not hispanic origin
☐ Black, not hispanic origin
☐ American Indian/
Alaskan Native
☐ Hispanic
☐ Other (explain)

4. What are the ages of your household members?

Male ages

Female ages

5. When did you most recently move to the Helena area?

- ☐ I was born here
☐ I most recently moved here in 19____

6. If you had your choice would you move within the next 5 years? Check one.

- ☐ No, I wouldn't move
☐ Yes, inside Helena city limits
☒ Yes, outside Helena city limits
☐ Yes, within Montana (other than Helena)
☐ Yes, out of Montana

7. If you have indicated that you would move, why would you do so? Explain.

8. If you have indicated that you would not move, why would you stay? Explain.

9. Why did you move to your current residence? Check all that apply.

- ☐ employment
☐ raised here
☐ school started
☐ closer to relatives
☐ closer to friends
☐ divorce/separation
☐ affordable cost
☐ better place
☐ other (explain)

10. How many people currently living in your household are not related to you?

____ aren't related to me

11. What was your total gross household income during calendar year 1992?

- ☐ under \$13,000
☐ \$13,001-\$14,900
☐ \$14,901-\$16,750
☐ \$16,751-\$18,600
☐ \$18,601-\$20,100
☐ \$20,101-\$21,600
☐ \$21,601-\$23,050
☐ \$23,051-\$24,550
☐ \$24,551-\$26,800
☐ \$26,801-\$29,750
☐ \$29,751-\$32,150
☐ \$32,151-\$34,500
☐ \$34,501-\$36,900
☐ \$36,901-\$39,300
☐ over \$39,300

12. Do you own or rent your current residence?

- ☐ own
☐ rent

13. What is your mortgage or rent payment? (without utilities)

_____ dollars per month

14. What kind of residence do you live in? Check one.

- ☐ single-family house
☐ duplex
☐ triplex
☐ apartment
☐ condominium
☐ mobile home
☐ rented room
☐ other, describe

15. How many bedrooms does your current residence have?

_____ number of bedrooms

16. For the current number of members in your household, is the number of bedrooms

- ☐ inadequate
☐ adequate

Comments _____

17. Are you currently receiving any type of rent subsidy?

- ☐ no
☐ yes

18. If you are currently receiving a rent subsidy, what type of subsidy are you receiving? Check one.

- ☐ Section 8
☐ Public Housing
☐ Other, explain

19. If you are currently on a waiting list for subsidized housing, how long have you been on the list? Check one.

- ☐ weeks
- ☐ months
- ☐ years

20. Have you, or someone who is living with you been without a regular place to live because of cost during the last twelve months?

- ☐ no
- ☐ yes

____ # of people waiting

____ # of months waiting

21. Will you please tell us something about your experience finding and moving to your current residence? Tell us the following:

a. When did you move into this particular place?

_____ month _____ year

b. Where did you live before you moved to your current residence? Check one.

- ☐ Helena area
- ☐ somewhere else
- ☐ Where? _____

c. How did you find this place? Check all that apply.

- ☐ By myself
- ☐ Real estate broker
- ☐ Relative/Friend
- ☐ Other _____

d. Now please go back to c. and circle the most helpful source you found.

e. How many places did you look at before you moved in?

____ # of places

f. How long did you look?

____ # of weeks

g. For the next several years would you like to live in: Check one.

- ☐ your present place
- ☐ a smaller place
- ☐ a larger place

h. Did you pay what you wanted to for your rent or mortgage?

- ☐ no
- ☐ yes

i. Was it? Check one.

- ☐ really inexpensive
- ☐ inexpensive
- ☐ O.K.
- ☐ expensive
- ☐ really expensive

j. Do you need roommates or boarders to help you pay for your current residence? Check one.

- ☐ absolutely not
- ☐ probably not
- ☐ maybe
- ☐ absolutely

22. Many people have a difficult time finding the right place to live. There are lots of reasons that finding a place is hard. Please look over the following list and check all of those that have been major problems for you the last time or two that you have moved. Check all apply.

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> high moving costs | <input type="checkbox"/> no references |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no disabled access | <input type="checkbox"/> unconventional family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a pet | <input type="checkbox"/> student status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unsteady employment | <input type="checkbox"/> no affordable rent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> high down payment | <input type="checkbox"/> couldn't make a deal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> my (our) age | <input type="checkbox"/> too expensive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> no affordable houses | <input type="checkbox"/> high security deposits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> didn't like neighborhoods | <input type="checkbox"/> many roommates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> too many places to choose to rent or buy | <input type="checkbox"/> race or ethnicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> too few choices to rent or buy | <input type="checkbox"/> number of children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> high interest rates | <input type="checkbox"/> previous eviction |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> other, explain |
| | _____ |

23. NOW PLEASE GO BACK AND CIRCLE THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS THAT YOU'VE HAD.

24. Does anyone in your household have any problems getting around?

☐ No, no one has any physical or mental impairments. If no skip to Number 26.

☐ Yes, these are the problems. Check all that apply.

- ☐ uses a wheelchair
- ☐ is confined to bed
- ☐ has sight impairment
- ☐ has hearing impairment
- ☐ has mental impairment
- ☐ can't open doors easily
- ☐ can't walk stairs easily
- ☐ forgets where he/she is
- ☐ can't use his/her hands or arms well
- ☐ walks unsteadily
- ☐ has a hard time getting in and out of the tub
- ☐ can't open locks easily

25. Have you found it difficult to find accessible housing?

- ☐ no
- ☐ yes
- ☐ somewhat (explain)

26. Please indicate which of the following problems you have experienced at your current residence. Check all that apply.

- ☐ Inadequate plumbing (leaks in sewer or water pipes, gas leaks, etc.)
- ☐ Inadequate wiring (bare or exposed wires, lights dim when other appliances turn on, less than two outlets in each room, inoperable outlets, etc.)
- ☐ Soot, smoke or fumes from fireplace, heater or kitchen stove or furnace
- ☐ Walls or ceilings with holes, falling plaster, peeling paint, or stains
- ☐ Doors or windows that stick or do not open
- ☐ Air leaks around windows or doors
- ☐ Roof in need of replacement or repair
- ☐ Cracked or crumbling foundation
- ☐ Inadequate insulation or weatherization
- ☐ Inadequate or inefficient heating system
- ☐ Other, please explain _____

27. Thank you for taking the time to complete this vital survey. Please mail it today!